

Costly Deity.
The failure of the scheme to reorganize the Carnegie steel interest within the time fixed is said to have cost four men, one of whom was Henry C. Frick, \$25,000 each—the \$1,000,000 going to Andrew Carnegie for no other consideration than their inability to meet the terms of the option given to them.

Still More Counterfeiting.
The secret service has just unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a quantity of bogus bills, which are cleverly executed. Things of great value are always selected for imitation, notably Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators but no equals for disorders like indigestion, dyspepsia and constipation.

Part company with your prejudices. They do you no good and may injure you in many ways.

Free Blood Cure.
Have you Eczema, Bleeding Sores, Ulcers, Scrofula, Cancer, Erysipelas, Itching Skin Humors, Boils, Rheumatism, Pimples, etc? Are you tired of Doctoring and taking Patent Medicines? Then try B. B. R. (Botanic Blood Balm), made especially for these deep seated Blood Diseases. \$1 per bottle at druggists. Trial bottle sent free to sufferers. Write for it. Address Blood Balm Co., 1 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Ga. Medicine sent all charges prepaid.

Our acts on life's stage have more than one part.

My Mother Had Consumption

"My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. A neighbor told her not to give up but try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. She did so and was speedily cured, and is now in the enjoyment of good health." D. P. Jolly, Feb. 2, 1899. Avoca, N. Y.

Cures Hard Coughs

No matter how hard your cough is or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you could possibly take. But it's too risky to wait until you have consumption, for sometimes it's impossible to cure this disease. If you are coughing today, don't wait until tomorrow, but get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once and be relieved. It strengthens weak lungs.

Three sizes: No. 1, enough for an ordinary cold; No. 2, just right for asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness, whooping-cough, hard colds; No. 3, most economical for chronic cases and to keep on hand.

A MERCHANT WANTED IN YOUR TOWN
IREN KAUFMANN
THE AMERICAN TAILOR
MADE TO ORDER GARMENTS EXCLUSIVELY
WRITE FOR PARTICULARS
180 N. W. MARKET ST. CHICAGO

50¢ FOR OUR CATALOGUE WILL SAVE YOU 500¢
If you want anything in
Guns, Sporting Goods
HUNTING COATS, BOOTS, SHELLS,
TENTS, CAMP OUTFITS, KODAKS,
SEWING MACHINES,
NETS, REINES, SKATES.

SCHMELZER ARMS CO
KANSAS CITY, MO.

W. L. DOUGLAS
\$3 & 3.50 SHOES UNION MADE

Worth \$4 to \$6 compared with other makes. Induced by over 1,000,000 wearers.
The genuine have W. L. Douglas's name and price stamped on bottom. Take no substitutes claimed to be as good. Your dealer should keep them—If not, we will send a pair on receipt of price. State kind of leather, size, and width. Write or call. Catalogue A free.
W. L. DOUGLAS SHOE CO., BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Thompson's Eye Water
When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper

PISO'S CURE FOR
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
100 N. W. MARKET ST. CHICAGO
CONSUMPTION

QUEER CHINESE CEREMONY.

Strange Rites at the Graves in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

A delegation of Chinamen visited Mount Olivet cemetery recently and in the presence of a crowd of onlookers performed a number of rites over the graves of their countrymen buried there, says the Baltimore Sun. They also visited the cemetery on the previous Sunday and went through the same ceremonies. Usually they visit the graves twice during the year, but this year seems remarkably solicitous as to the welfare of their deceased brethren. When the Chinamen reached the Chinese lot, which is in the northwestern part of the cemetery, they began to spread edibles of all kinds on the graves. There were chickens, pork, bananas and oranges. A fire was built in a sheetiron oven, which rested in the roadway not far from the lot. When the fire began to blaze high the Chinamen gathered around it and started to throw into the flames huge bundles of papers, on each of which had been inscribed different characters. These papers are supposed to bear misleading directions to the evil spirit and enable the deceased to cross in safety the river Styx. As the fire burned fiercely, some of the Chinamen hurried around to the different graves and close to each headstone planted a thin stick, on the end of which was incense. The incense was then lighted, but its perfume was in part deadened by the smell of the smoke, which by this time had become almost blinding. When all these preparations had been completed, the celestials started to perform the more important ceremonies. They swayed their bodies to and fro over the graves, all the time holding their hands together and muttering unintelligible words, but which were no doubt, prayers in the Chinese language. Next they knelt at the sides of the graves, still continuing their mutterings. After a few minutes they arose, and to the surprise of every one about, gathered up the edibles which they had brought out and placed them in their earthenware. Usually at the funerals of Chinamen the food is allowed to remain on the graves, so that the deceased would not starve on the journey to the Chinese heaven. Another feature in which the ceremonies differed from the funeral services was that cups of tea were poured over the graves of the Chinamen. Some irreverent persons ventured the opinion that the Chinamen believed their deceased brethren were thirsty and had accordingly brought the liquid to quench their parched palates. A number of boys were present at the ceremonies and after the departure of the Chinamen unceremoniously carried off the incense sticks to a spot under a shady tree, where they proceeded to enjoy themselves watching the sticks burn out.

She Battled Dewey.
Dewey once attended a wedding breakfast at which the affable Baroness de Struve, wife of the Russian minister at that time, was present. Dewey had met this famous woman several times before. The facial plainness of the baroness was quite beyond belief, but she was one of the most brilliant, lovable and kindly women ever elected to guide the social affairs of the diplomatic corps in Washington. A lady who overheard it tells of an amusing passage which the baroness and Dewey (who, if memory serves, was then a commander) had at this particular wedding breakfast. "Referring to leather," said the baroness amiably, after some playful remark as to the spick-and-span polish of Dewey's sword-belt—he was in dress uniform—"the most remarkable bit of Russian leather in the world is my face." Dewey was as quick a thinker then as he is now, but this stalled him. "Madame," he said, after a pause, "I am but a rough sailor man, and this is a heavy demand which you make upon me. I am not equal to the emergency." "Of course," said the baroness, tapping him with her fan. "I should have to consider you hopelessly rude were you to agree with me. But you can preserve your neutrality—naval officers are taught to do that, are they not?—by telling me what really annoys you. They are fine, are they not?" Thus assisted, Dewey rose to the occasion. The baroness' eyes were, in truth, magnificent.—Washington Post.

A Japanese Geisha Girl.
A geisha must be highly accomplished, because her chief duty is to amuse. While not by any means a musician, she must be able to perform on the samisen, koto, tsuzumi (a drum) and other musical instruments. She dances, sings, and talks on the lightest subjects, and always holds herself in readiness to entertain her guests according to their mood. A witty geisha, one who is a good talker, pretty and graceful, will not lack for employment at any time, and generally makes a very good living. While it is not at all necessary for her to arouse mirth, her object must be to beguile the time that is irksome to her guests. Thus it often happens that one feeling depressed will send for a geisha girl. The geisha is a natural actress and her taste in dress is exquisite, her movements incomparable in grace.—Onoto Watanna, in the November Woman's Home Companion.

I believe Pico's Cure is the only medicine that will cure consumption.—Anna M. Ross, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 12, '98.

A gigantic brain is often covered by a wool hat.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known P. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.
West & Frost, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Wadling, Klemm & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50¢ per bottle. Sold by all druggists.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

True womanly modesty wins many expressions of approval.

Hindley's Eye Salve Cures sore eyes in 3 days; chronic cases in 30 days, or money back. All druggists, or by mail, 25¢, per box.
J. P. HAYTER, Denton, Texas.

An ordinary fever is sometimes better than vanity.

Footballists make the welkin ring, and the multitudes cheer.

How to Save Money on Shoes.

Members of the United States Co-operative Boot & Shoe Purchasing Association save 33 1/2 per cent on all purchases of shoes.

Mr. E. H. Tilton, Secretary of the Association, 103 Summer St., Boston, will send an illustrated book on shoes, instructions how to join the association and full information concerning it to anybody upon request.

A college education is a good thing—so is a practical one.

LADY CLEARED \$920, MAN \$1,162
Just six months ago this lady's husband was stricken with paralysis and she was left a widow with a family of four children. She had no money and no friends. She wrote to the publisher of the "Baltimore Sun" and asked for help. The paper published her story and she was soon able to raise the money to clear her debts and support her family.

WANTED
Good Salesmen (who can furnish references) to sell our new line of shoes. In every section of the country. Write to the publisher of the "Baltimore Sun" for full particulars. B. H. PATTERSON, Publisher, Baltimore, Md.

A barking dog is a nuisance in any neighborhood.

Wanted—two traveling salesmen in each southern State. \$50 and expenses. Experience not absolutely necessary. For particulars, address: Pocatentia Tobacco Works Co., Bedford City, Va.

Consider consequences carefully before you undertake anything.

THE GRIP CURE THAT DOES CURE.

Latent Gripes, Chronic Constipation, the relief that produces La Grippe. In a bottle of this medicine is on each box, 25¢.

Keep cool, whether the weather be hot or cold.

For Every Household.

The sewing machine bargains advertised by the John M. Smyth Co. in another part of this paper should interest every housekeeper. The firm is thoroughly reliable, having been established in Chicago over 30 years and anyone dealing with them may be assured of square treatment. Get their mammoth catalogue of everything to eat, wear or use.

A comfortable home is truly a great desideratum.

The Fears of the Vulgar.

"Have you read the handwriting on the wall?" cried the Warning Voice, in terrifying accents.

The Man of Sin paled.

"Do you have reference to my wife's coughing school diploma?" he asked faintly, with ashen lips.

The fear of the vulgar mind it will be observed, are moved by the literally concrete rather than the figuratively abstract.

CARTER'S INK
makes writing a comfort.

PATENTS R. & A. B. LACKEY, Patent Attorneys, Washington, D.C. Examination and opinion on patentability and prior art. 30 yrs. exp.

JOHN M. SMYTH CO.
MAMMOTH MAIL ORDER HOUSE
150 TO 166 WEST MADISON ST. CHICAGO

\$14.25 The Best Sewing Machine on Earth

At the Price, \$14.25 for Our "MELBA" Sewing Machine.

A high-grade, high-grade machine equal to what others are asking \$20 to \$25.00 for. Guaranteed by us for 5 years from date of purchase, against any imperfection in material or workmanship. The stand is made of the best iron and is nicely proportioned. The cabinet work is perfect and is furnished in your choice of antique oak or walnut. It has seven drawers all handily arranged and with nickel-plated ring pulls. The mechanical construction is equal to that of any machine regardless of price. All working parts are of the best oil-tempered tool steel, every bearing perfectly fitted and adjusted so as to make the running of the machine smooth, quiet and perfect and nearest noiseless of any machine made. This Sewing Machine has all the latest improvements. It makes a perfect and uniform LOCK STITCH, and will do the best work on either the lightest muslin or heaviest cloth, sewing over seams and rough places without skipping stitches. A full set of best steel attachments, including a button-hole maker and a button-hole punch, is included in the price. A complete assortment of accessories and book of instruction FURNISHED FREE with each machine. 60 DAYS TRIAL. We will refund your money if you are not satisfied. On receipt of two dollars, we will send you the machine. If you are not satisfied, we will refund your money. The machine is guaranteed for 5 years. The price is \$14.25. The machine is guaranteed for 5 years. The price is \$14.25.

MAMMOTH CATALOGUE
In which is listed at lowest wholesale prices everything to eat wear and use, is furnished on receipt of only 10¢ to partly pay postage or expressage and as evidence of good faith the 10¢ is allowed on first purchase amounting to \$10 or above. 10¢ CASH REFUND GUARANTEED PRICE LIST FREE

Mrs. Pinkham's Medicine Made a New Woman of Mrs. Kuhn.

(LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 64,943)

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I think it is my duty to write to you expressing my sincere gratitude for the wonderful relief I have experienced by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I tried different doctors, also different kinds of medicine. I would feel better at times, then would be as bad as ever.

"For eight years I was a great sufferer. I had falling of the womb and was in such misery at my monthly periods I could not work but a little before I would have to lie down. Your medicine has made a new woman of me. I can now work all day and not get tired. I thank you for what you have done for me. I shall always praise your medicine to all suffering women."—MRS. E. E. KUHN, GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

"I have taken eight bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and used two packages of your Sanative Wash, also some of the Liver Pills, and I can say that your remedies will do all that you claim for them. Before taking your remedies I was very bad with womb trouble, was nervous, had no ambition, could not sleep, and my food seemed to do me no good. Now I am well, and your medicine has cured me. I will gladly recommend your medicine to every one wherever I go."—MRS. M. L. SHELDS, GUN MARSH, MICH.

PENSIONS Get your Pension DOUBLE QUICK
Write CAPT. O'PARRELL, Pension Agent, 1425 New York Avenue, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Carbolic Acid Iodine Pocket Inhaler
A guaranteed cure for Catarrh and Consumption. All Druggists. Sold by W. H. SMITH & CO., Buffalo, N. Y. Proprietors.

Lazy Liver

You know very well how you feel when your liver don't act. Bile collects in the blood, bowels become constipated and your whole system is poisoned. A lazy liver is an invitation for a thousand pains and aches to come and dwell with you. Your life becomes one long measure of irritability and despondency and bad feeling. CASCARETS act directly, and in a peculiarly happy manner on the liver and bowels, cleansing, purifying, revitalizing every portion of the liver, driving all the bile from the blood, as is soon shown by increased appetite for food, power to digest it, and strength to throw off the waste. Beware of imitations!

Cascarets
ANNUAL SALES, 3,000,000 BOXES.
THIS IS THE TABLET
THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP
10c. 25c. 50c. DRUGGISTS

CASCARETS are absolutely harmless, a purely vegetable compound. No medicinal or other mineral pill-poison in Cascarets. Cascarets promptly, effectively and permanently cure every disorder of the stomach, liver and intestines. They not only cure constipation, but correct any and every form of irregularity of the bowels, including diarrhoea and dysentery. Pleasant, palatable, potent. Taste good, do good. Never sickens, weakens or grips. Be sure you get the genuine! Beware of imitations and substitutes! Buy a box of CASCARETS to-day, and if not pleased in every respect, get your money back! Write us for booklet and free sample! Address: STERLING REMEDY COMPANY, CHICAGO or NEW YORK.

PLANTATION CHILL CURE is Guaranteed.

We will refund to him. Price, 50 cents. Sold by All Druggists.

IF IT FAILS
Go to your merchant and get
YOUR MONEY BACK
VAN VLEET-MANSFIELD DRUG CO., MEMPHIS, TENN.